GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF BARRAGES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of barrages are in dilapidated condition in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by the Government to improve their conditions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) Maintenance and safety of dams including Barrages is the responsibility of the owners of the dams and barrages that is the concerned State Governments. The Central Government is not conducting any dam-wise or barrage-wise study on their conditions. However, the Central Government has taken measures for implementing a unified Dam Safety Programme in the country through the Central Water Commission on large dams which includes a few barrages confirming the norms of large dams. Among the above barrages, only some minor deficiencies have been reported for Kota Barrage in Rajasthan and Gandak and Kosi Barrage in Bihar. Remedial measures have been suggested for these barrages after the inspection.